



NORTHERN INDIANA FUNNEL CLOUD: This is one of four funnel clouds sighted near Fort Wayne, Ind. Thursday. Two of the twisters were believed to have set down but no injuries were reported. See page 12 for article on killer tornado that hit Ohio. (AP Wirephoto)

'We'll Be Vindicated', Claim Mitchell, Stans

Ex-Nixon Cabinet Members Indicted

Pair Charged In Secret Campaign Fund Deal

NEW YORK (AP) — Former Atty. Gen. John N. Mitchell and former Commerce Secretary Maurice H. Stans say they believe they will be vindicated when the facts behind their indictments are known.

They were indicted Thursday on charges of obstruction of justice, conspiracy and perjury in connection with their roles as cabinet officers and leaders of President Nixon's re-election campaign. The case involves a secret campaign contribution and alleged improper government influence.

Financier Robert L. Vesco, a fugitive, and New Jersey Republican leader Harry L. Sears, Vesco's lawyer, were charged in the indictments with conspiracy and obstruction of justice.

The four will be arraigned in U.S. District Court here May 21. If later convicted of all charges, Mitchell and Stans would face maximum prison terms of up to 50 years, Vesco and Sears, 20 years.

Mitchell denied any wrongdoing Thursday and said, "I am certain that the judicial proceedings in this case will fully vindicate and confirm the absence of any wrongdoing."

Stans said he was "greatly dismayed" by the grand jury action and added: "I expect that when all the facts are heard, I will be vindicated." Sears also claimed innocence.

The indictment alleges that Vesco, 37, made a secret \$200,000 cash gift to the GOP campaign on April 10 in an attempt to influence a Securities and Exchange Commission probe of his far-flung financial operations.

The SEC filed a civil complaint on Nov. 27, charging that Vesco, 20 other persons and a score of corporations looted \$224 million from Investors Overseas Services (IOS), four foreign mutual funds they controlled.

U.S. Atty. Whitney North Seymour Jr., who announced the indictments, said there was

nothing to implicate President Nixon in the alleged conspiracy. The President's former counsel, John W. Dean III, was mentioned in the indictments.

Mitchell, who resigned last July as director of Nixon's reelection campaign, is alleged to have arranged a meeting between Sears and William J. Casey, then chairman of the SEC, on the day the \$200,000 contribution from Vesco was received by Stans.

Subsequent meetings were held by Sears, Casey and G. Bradford Cook, who succeeded Casey as SEC chairman.

Mitchell was also said to have asked Dean to delay the SEC investigation and to have suppressed a written threat from Vesco to disclose the \$200,000 gift unless the SEC dropped its subpoena of the financier.

Stans, Nixon's chief fund raiser, returned the \$200,000 plus another \$50,000 gift that was reported, on Jan. 31. On May 2, the Justice Department charged the re-election committee with failure to report the

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COMMENTS ON INDICTMENT: Former U.S. Attorney General John N. Mitchell talks to newsmen in Washington Thursday following his indictment on charges involving an alleged \$200,000 secret contribution to the Nixon campaign fund. Mitchell called the indictment "the most irresponsible action I have ever heard of." (AP Wirephoto)

Senator Defends Land Deal With Profit Of \$65,000

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — State Sen. Joseph S. Mack, D-Ironwood, has recently spent \$35,000 to purchase land valued at more than \$100,000 along Upper Peninsula highway U.S. 2 near Ironwood, according to today's editions of the Detroit Free Press.

The paper said Mack arranged part of the lucrative

real estate deal with the Keweenaw Land Association, one of the U.P.'s largest owners of land and mineral rights and a company he once sought to tax heavily through legislation.

Mack reportedly purchased important parcels of land from Keweenaw for \$24,000 and added them to parcels bought from other owners at a cost of \$9,900

to form the block.

The Free Press said Mack negotiated the purchase of the land directly with Keweenaw Board Chairman Frederick L. Heinrich in Boston, the firm's headquarters, thus bypassing Keweenaw's resident agent in Ironwood.

Both Mack and Heinrich told the Free Press the deal was made without pressure and said the price was fair.

"I do have a 'Big Boy' franchise," Mack told the paper. "If I can swing all the necessary deals, I hope to have it for my two sons. Is there

anything wrong with that?"

But the Free Press said Mack reportedly hopes to interest some Wisconsin real estate men in buying the seven acres he has assembled.

The paper said the purchasers, as part of the deal, would agree to lease back the portion Mack needs for his franchise restaurant at a nominal fee.

They then would fill the

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Schools Chief Named

NILES — Appointment of Dr. William H. Fairman as superintendent of the Niles public school system, effective July 1, was announced yesterday by R. F. Sumnerwell, school board president.

Fairman, 41, currently assistant superintendent for personnel in the system, will succeed Supt. Richard B. Warren, who has previously announced he will retire June 30. Warren has been superintendent since 1965.

The new superintendent was signed to a three-year contract, according to Sumnerwell. He said the starting salary would be determined in an upgrading of wages for the next school year, but he said the present starting level for a superintendent was \$26,500.

Fairman has been employed in the Niles schools since 1967. Before joining the Niles sys-

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DR. WILLIAM H. FAIRMAN
Niles superintendent

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'Nothing Officially Changed'

Summing up contract negotiations between the International Association of Machinists (IAM) and the St. Joseph division of Whirlpool, Federal Mediator Bernard O'Keefe this morning said: "Nothing has changed officially as of yet."

O'Keefe said a meeting had been scheduled between the union and company for 10:30 a.m. today, but said he was not at liberty to say anything else.

IAM Local 1918 has been working without a contract since Monday, and last Sunday voted to reject a contract proposal from Whirlpool. Negotiations have been continuing all week.

The Captain's Table will remain open during remodeling. Adv.

Organizing mixed league. Mon. 7:30. Cool fun. Wit-O-Paw Lanes, Coloma. 468-4601 eve. Adv.

\$1 Million Dream Will Buy Clothes, Fix Up House

MUSKEGON, Mich. (AP) — "We had dreams, but that's all," said Mary O'Dell Thursday night as the 30-year-old Sterling Heights housewife walked off the big winner in the Michigan State Lottery's third million-dollar drawing.

"I'm so nervous, I don't know what I'm doing," she said. "I don't know what I'm going to do with all the money."

Mrs. O'Dell's husband, Lee, a draftsman for Chrysler Corp., had a spontaneous reaction to the bonanza. "Oh baby, no more drafting," he exclaimed.

O'Dell said he was laid off from work in 1970. "At that time, it was tough and go," he said, "it was pretty rough. I used to draw unemployment checks." He said he has been with Chrysler for about a year. "We plan to keep the same

home and fix it up the way we really want it," he said. "Also I'd like to buy some land, and I want my wife to buy a lot of new clothes."

Mrs. O'Dell said she bought the lottery ticket that won the prize at a Wrigley supermarket which has since been shut down. Angelo Giammara of Southfield won \$100,000 in the drawing here, and J. Richard Fraser of Windsor, Ont., took the \$50,000 prize.

Winning \$5,000 were: Eunice Beal, 50, of Southfield; John Evans, 57, of Garden City; Thomas Lee Frantom, 29, of Hillsdale; Edwin Petrowski Jr., 42, of Rhinelander, Wis.; Roger Rull, 36, of Muskegon; and Leona Sperlik, 45, and Martha Tuskey, both of Grand Rapids.

The drawing was held at the L.C. Walker Arena in Muskegon.



NEW MILLIONAIRES: Mary A. O'Dell, and her husband Lee, of Sterling Heights, show how they feel about becoming Michigan's newest millionaire family after winning the \$1 million lottery drawing in Muskegon Thursday night. Lee O'Dell is a draftsman at Chrysler and the couple said they had never won anything before except the \$25 lottery ticket. (AP Wirephoto)

Talents In Varied Fields Shown By BH School Students

Highlighting the Benton Harbor Area Schools "Festival of the Arts" today, Saturday, and Sunday, will be many projects

made by students in the vocational education, industrial arts, and home economics programs. Also featured at the festival at

Benton Harbor high school will be more than 350 student musicians and dramatists, presenting a jazz concert, senior concert, and a one-act play.

The festival will replace the usual industrial arts fair for students to display their crafts in woodworking, metal working, electricity, and home-made clothing.

One of the special displays will be by Hull 7th and 8th graders enrolled in "The World of Construction," a special type of industrial arts class.

At 8 p.m. Friday, 18 musicians will present a jazz concert in the high school gym. Forty students in the high school concert choir will give their senior concert at 3 p.m. Saturday, also in the gym.

Saturday at 8 p.m., 155 7th and 8th graders from Benton Harbor, Fairplain, Hull, and Sorter 7th and 8th grade centers will perform in a combined band under the direction of Mrs. Julie Cox, assisted by Troy Jones and Gary Lester.

There will be more music Sunday afternoon, when the combined symphony and concert bands of the high school perform the annual senior concert—118 musicians under the direction of Clinton McChesney, band director.

Before the concert, at 2:15 p.m., the Reader's Theater will present a one-act Mark Twain play, "Diary of Adam and Eve," from "The Apple Tree." The play will be directed by Margaret Meyn.



FISTER OPENS STEVENSVILLE OFFICE: David P. Fister (fourth from left), president of Fister Realty Co., St. Joseph, announces opening of full service facility in the Village Square, Stevensville. Open house is scheduled for 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Fister said miniature orchids will be presented to first 500 women who visit the office. Fister said growing business activity in Lin-

coln township and Lakeshore area dictated locating office there. Staff members are, from left, Walter S. Clements, general manager; Dan Schoenemann, associate; Don Fedor, associate; Fister; Thelma Stubelt, secretary; Mark Hawks, associate; Robert E. Duncan, associate broker and Stevensville manager. (Staff Photo)

Benton Man Faces 20-Year Sentence Convicted On Heroin Count

A 38-year-old Benton township man alleged to be the kingpin of a major heroin ring was convicted on a charge of delivering heroin Thursday by Berrien circuit court jurors.

Jurors deliberated 53 minutes in Judge Chester J. Byrns' court to end a three-day trial for Adell Cassell, of 1056 Hall

street, on a charge of delivering heroin to Metro narcotics squad undercover agent Edward Sherrick last Sept. 19 at 161 Seeley street, Benton Harbor.

Cassell was returned to jail in lieu of \$33,333 bond to await sentence of up to 20 years.

Cassell was arrested Jan. 18 in a Metro sweep of 35 persons sought on drug-related charges. He was accused of three heroin-delivery charges including the one tried this week.

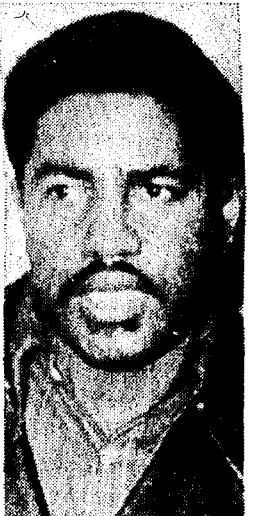
Jurors apparently disbelieved an alibi defense. Three persons

— a girlfriend, a one-time factory co-worker and a friend—testified to events that put Cassell in the Flint area at the time Undercover Agent Sherrick testified he was buying a half-gram of heroin from Cassell for \$40 in Cassell's room at 161 Seeley street.

In addition, a fellow jail inmate, Dallas Martin Taylor, 26, of Benton township, testified Cassell offered to pay Taylor \$1,000 several days ago in jail if Taylor would testify that Sherrick asked Taylor to plant dope on Cassell.

Taylor also is jailed on a drug charge. Cassell did not testify.

Berrien Prosecutor Ronald J. Taylor argued to jurors the alibi defense was a "sham," while Defense Counsel Lee Boothby of Berrien Springs attacked the credibility of prosecution witnesses and manner of testing the alleged heroin to discover its identity.



ADELL CASSELL
Convicted By Jury

Four Accused Of Sex Offenses

Benton Harbor police arrested four persons on charges involving prostitution in simultaneous raids early today at two rooms on Territorial road.

Police said the arrests were made after detectives met two men in a bar in the Office lounge in the Hornack hotel building, 209 Territorial.

One detective then went to an apartment at 190½ Territorial and the other went to a room in the Hornack. A woman and a man were arrested in the apartment and a woman was arrested in the hotel room. Another man was taken into custody in the hotel bar.

Police said there were three transactions involving \$60 in marked bills.

The arrest in the apartment was made when officers entered after a signal was transmitted by Det. David Slovall who was in the apartment wearing a microphone around his neck



ARRESTED IN RAID: Benton Harbor police said the above persons, arrested early today, were identified as Mary Taylor, 21, of Gary, Ind., and Harold Golladay, 34, of Madison avenue, Hagar Shore. The woman identified as Mary Taylor was arrested in Hornack hotel room; she was charged with soliciting an immoral act. Golladay was arrested in hotel tavern on charge of pandering. Both are shown in the Benton Harbor city jail. (Staff photo)

and a transmitter taped to his leg.

The other woman was arrested in the hotel room when officers entered at a pre-arranged time

Police said the persons arrested gave identifications as:

Trudy Ann Perkins, 19, of 190½ Territorial; Amos Peterson, 39, also of 190½ Territorial; Mary Taylor, 21, Gary, Ind.; and Harold Golladay, 34, Madison avenue, Hagar Shore.

Trudy Perkins and Mary Taylor were booked on charges of soliciting an immoral act; Peterson was booked on a charge of conspiracy to pander; Golladay was booked on a charge of pandering.

Police said the investigation began at 6 p.m. on an observation made by Patrolman Tom Schadler. Schadler then in-

formed other officers and the four persons were arrested shortly after midnight.

Participating in the arrests were Schadler, Slovall, Sgt. Harry Lenardson, Det. Larry Morrow, Det. Bruce Leavitt and two agents from the Berrien Metro Narcotics unit who volunteered their time and loaned equipment.



BOOKED BY BENTON HARBOR POLICE: Benton Harbor police said above persons, identified themselves as Trudy Perkins, 19, and Amos Peterson, 39, both of 190½ Territorial road, Benton Harbor. Trudy Perkins was charged with soliciting an immoral act; Peterson was arrested on a charge of conspiracy to pander. (Staff photo)

Meeting Of Benton Planners Is Brief

The Benton township planning commission had a brief meeting last night, because there was only one item of business on the agenda, and that was withdrawn.

The item was a request from

TIRED OF CONFUSION: DETROIT (AP) — The average consumer's confusion over buying tires for his car may be partially reduced by a General Motors Corp. plan to install a so-called "GM specification radial tire" as standard equipment on some 1974-model GM passenger cars.

William R. Cole, of 2033 Hatch street, for permission to operate a used car lot at his service station at the corner of Highland avenue and Territorial road in Millburg.

Two weeks ago planners adopted a "get-tough" policy for issuing used car permits, since there are already many such dealerships in the township, according to planners.

However, the commission said that Cole's request would be handled as all other similar requests had been handled, since it came before the adoption of the new policy.

Junior High To Honor POW's At Lakeshore

Michigan prisoners of war will be honored at a program given by the Lakeshore junior high drama department Tuesday, May 22, during Michigan Week.

Theme of the program will be developments of the past six years in Michigan. Slides, music and drama will be used to present the six-year span. Research for the program included going through six years of back issues of this newspaper, according to Mrs. Robin Campbell, director.

Former POWs and local civic groups have been invited to the program, which is open to the public. There is to be no admission charge, according to Mrs. Campbell.

The program will be offered in the Lakeshore high school auditorium, beginning at 8 p.m.

Big Trailers In Few Crashes

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — A statewide survey done by the State Highway Department shows there were only four highway accidents in Michigan last year involving 14-foot-wide trailer units.

a statement Thursday the "report is encouraging especially when we consider that more than 12,000 permits were issued for movement of the wider mobile homes and modular units during that time."

Gov. William Milliken said in

St. Joe Summer School Registration Is May 19

Registration for the St. Joseph Public schools Summer School program will be Saturday, May 19 from 9 a. m. to 2 p. m.

A broad list of improvement and enrichment classes will be offered, as well as instrumental music and swimming. Vernon Peachey, Summer School coordinator, announced. The Summer School program has become so popular that it is sometimes referred to as the answer to the year-around school complex.

Peachey has dispatched Summer School course list, registration sheets and other material to parents via elementary pupils. He said any parent wishing a copy could call his office in E. P. Clarke school (428-4111) and a copy will be mailed.

Improvement and enrichment programs include: reading improvement, math improvement, basic English writing improvement, creative writing and dramatics, art, beginning typing, sewing, vocal music and a course known as "Exploring Our Planetarium."

Registration for instrumental music will be 1 to 4 p. m. Friday, June 8 and swimming class registration will be 9 a. m. to noon and 1 to 3 p. m. Saturday, June 9.

Peachey said non-st. Joseph school district residents will be accepted if there are any vacancies. Questions on any of the programs can be directed to Peachey.

St. Joseph Schools

Summer Library Hours Listed

St. Joseph Public school libraries will be open approximately 25 hours a week during the summer, Vernon Peachey, Summer School coordinator announced today.

School libraries will be open the following days:

Mondays—St. Joseph High school: 8-11:30 a. m.; Lincoln: 12:30-3 p. m.

Tuesdays—Milton Junior High: 9-11:30 a. m.; Jefferson:

12:30-3 p. m.

Wednesdays: Upton Junior High: 9-11:30 a. m.; Brown: 12:30-3 p. m.

Thursdays: St. Joseph High school 8-11:30 a. m.; North Lincoln: 12:30-3 p. m.

Friday: E. P. Clarke: 8-11:30 a. m.



LAWRENCE PEACHEY



LOUIS DESENBERG



RICHARD WARREN

Three Seek Intermediate Board Seat

Berrien School Delegates Will Vote June 4

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Three candidates will seek one seat on the Berrien County Intermediate school board.

The term of Lawrence Peachey of Eau Claire is expiring and the new term will be filled by election at which one delegate from each of the 16 constituent school districts in the county will vote. The election will be held at 8 p.m. June 4 at the Intermediate headquarters here.

Peachey will be a candidate for the six-year term, and will be opposed by Louis Desenberg, a Buchanan lawyer, and Richard Warren, superintendent of the Niles school district.

Intermediate Supt. Doyle Barkmeier said the three men filed nominating petitions before the deadline last Monday.

Peachey joined the county school board in November, 1957, to fill a vacancy, and subsequently was elected to two more full terms. Peachey is principal of the Sorter-Pearl school unit of the Benton Harbor Area schools.

Attorney Desenberg, 30, is a member of the law firm of Desenberg, Desenberg & Moses in Buchanan. He is married and the father of two young children.

Warren is scheduled to retire as superintendent of the Niles school system at the end of June. He served as school superintendent in Muskegon before taking the helm of the

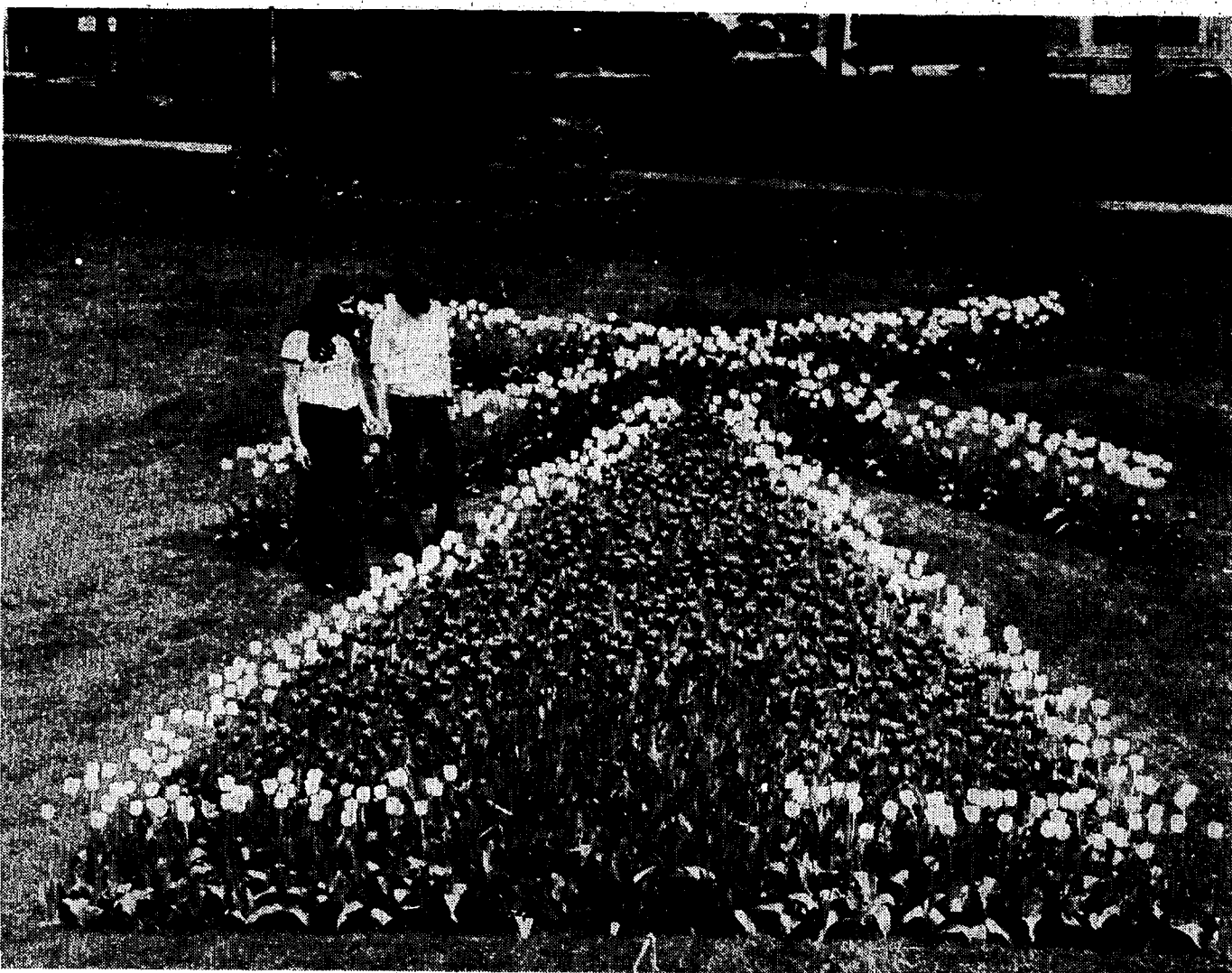
Niles system.

Other carryover members of the Intermediate board are Chairman Ralph Lehman of Niles, Adrian VanGinhoven of Sawyer, Ben Nye of Stevensville, and Donald Stover of Berrien Springs.

Gary Police Arrest Man Sought Here

A Benton Harbor man, sought on a warrant alleging delivery of heroin, charges delivery of heroin, was arrested by officers from the Gary, Ind., police department yesterday. The warrant was issued Jan. 17.

Sgt. Don Ives, of the Berrien county Metro Narcotics squad, said the man, Jesse Dowell, 25, gave as his last Benton Harbor address 661 Pavone street. Ives said Dowell was transported to the Berrien county jail, where he was booked and lodged Thursday.



AHEAD OF SCHEDULE: The half million tulips that line city of Holland streets and fill local parks are nearly all in full bloom even though community's annual Tulip Time festival doesn't start until next week. Parks Supt. Jacob DeGraff estimates that 75 per cent of tulips city plants are at their peak. He says most will

continue to bloom when festival begins next Wednesday unless hot weather intervenes. This photo shows thousands of tulips shaped like a Dutch windmill in Centennial. Parades are scheduled for next Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. (Tom Renner photo)

Berrien Men Volunteered In Civil War

It Was Disgrace To Be Drafted

June 19 Deadline For South Haven Election Petitions

SOUTH HAVEN — Persons interested in seeking election to South Haven city offices at stake in city elections this year may obtain petitions of candidacy from City Clerk Rita Verdunk.

Offices of the mayor and three aldermanic positions on the city council are involved.

Miss Verdunk said terms of Mayor Richard Lewis and Aldermen Douglas Wattrick, Matthew Goerg and Thomas Renner are expiring.

In announcing the availability of petitions, Miss Verdunk said they are to be returned to her by 4 p.m. June 19, to be considered.

Petitions for the office of mayor must contain signatures

equal to at least one per cent but no more than four per cent of the votes cast for secretary of state within the city in the last general election. The same formula applies to aldermanic races except the number is based on the ward vote for secretary of state.

The mayor is elected for a two-year term while aldermen are elected to four-year terms. A primary election, if necessary, will be held Aug. 7.

The election this year will be the first in the city on a non-partisan basis. Partisan elections were eliminated in 1971 by a charter change. 1

Franzen Transferred To Canada

Arthur Franzen, director of sales for Sears Kitchen products in the Whirlpool Laundry Group, has been appointed director of sales to Simpson-Sears for John Inglis, Ltd., Whirlpool's Canadian affiliate.

His transfer to the Inglis headquarters in Toronto was effective May 1, and was announced by Conde G. Maiden, president of Inglis.

Franzen joined Whirlpool at its St. Joseph division as production foreman in 1953, following a five-year association with Pontiac Motor division of



ARTHUR FRANZEN

General Motors.

Franzen is a native of Grosse Pointe and holds a degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan.

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Although 89 per cent of the eligible men in Berrien county served in the Army during the Civil war, only 5 per cent were drafted. Most men volunteered because county residents considered it a disgrace to be drafted.

This is one of the findings of "Berrien County and the Civil War Draft," a research paper by Jerry Mortenson, senior history major at Andrews university. The paper covers the period 1861-1865 and is a history

of the Civil war draft in Berrien county and the people's attitudes toward it at that time.

Mortenson will present results of his research on Tuesday, May 15, at 4:30 p.m., in Marsh Hall, the former life sciences building at AU. The paper is in partial fulfillment of requirement for graduation with honors and was done under

the direction of Dr. Gary Land, instructor in history, and Dr. Gerald Herdman, assistant professor of history at AU.

According to Mortenson, there were 3,549 men between the ages of 18 and 45 who were eligible for the draft. Of these, 3,015 enlisted and 164 were drafted. Within the state, only Kent county had a higher per-

centage of its men serve during the Civil war.

An additional number took advantage of a commutation clause and paid \$300 to the sheriff or county assessor to get out of the draft.

Most men volunteered for periods ranging from 90 days to three years. Farmers often signed up for 90 days during the slow winter months so that they could collect money from the government.

The government encouraged a volunteer by offering federal, state, and local bounties, and a family relief fund at the county level. Often this amounted to more than the average farmer's income for an entire year.

"People felt that it was good to volunteer for patriotic reasons," said Mortenson, "but they didn't think the government should force an individual to serve against his will. They considered it a disgrace that the county needed a draft at all, since drafts were called only when states failed to meet their assigned quotas. Ideally, considering the patriotic feeling, there should have been enough volunteers to meet the quota."

From 1864 to the end of the war, the people felt Berrien county had sent more than its share of men to the war. Most residents thought Easterners were not doing their duty. Although they complained, they abided by the draft.

Local newspapers supported the draft for what it could do for the county. However, their opinions changed along with public opinion as the war went on. The editor of the St. Joseph Traveler was drafted in December, 1863, and the paper suspended publication until his return in 1865.

Mortenson found other interesting sidelights of the draft in his study, including the story of a woman who disguised herself as a man and managed to serve with the Niles regiment in the army for about a year before her disguise was uncovered.

Mortenson made use of diaries, papers, and news articles in his research. The Bennett and the Totten-Whitman collections at Western Michigan university were also researched. Both collections contained letters from draftees

to friends and relatives in the St. Joseph Traveler, the Buchanan telling about Republican paper. Old board of supervisors' records at the Berrien courthouse also contained information about the county's Democratic paper, and draft.

Two Girls Tops At River Valley



DEBORAH LYNN
OLDENBURG
Valedictorian



CATHERINE ANN
GEMBER
Salutatorian

THREE OAKS — Top scholastic honors for the 1973 graduating class of the River Valley high school have been earned by two girls according to Duane Onstad, principal.

The valedictorian is Deborah Lynn Oldenburg and the salutatorian is Catherine Ann Gember.

Miss Oldenburg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Oldenburg, route 1, Sawyer, has a grade point average of 3.947 out of a possible 4.

She has been a member of the River Valley high school chapter of the National Honor society for three years, a member of the band four years, serving as student conductor two years; was in the All-Star band three years, played with the Jazz and Pep bands; in Science club one year; Future Homemakers of America two years, serving one year as parliamentarian; and has been a member of the 4-H club six years serving the club for four of those years as president and as a treasurer for two years.

She won the Arion award in her junior year, represented her school as an exchange student to Germany this past summer, and won the D.A.R. Good Citizenship award during her senior year.

She will be attending the University of Michigan and majoring in nursing.

Miss Gember, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gember, 110 Buckeye street, Three Oaks, has a grade point average of 3.855. She has been a member of the National Honor society three years; has played in the band four years and also played with the Pep band; and has been active in the Explorers Ecology club and the German club.

She will be attending Ferris State university, Big Rapids, and majoring in pharmacy.

Not Present During All Of Meeting

BY STEVE MCQUOWN
PAW PAW BUREAU
PAW PAW — Mrs. William Lackey of Paw Paw said Thursday she was not present during the entire closed session held by Van Buren County commissioners Tuesday.

The county GOP chairwoman said she entered the closed-door meeting from an adjoining county office after the board began its discussion and after reporters had been asked to leave.

"When I saw no one else was present, and how late it was, I got up and left," she said.

She said she was not asked to leave by commissioners.

The News-Palladium reported Wednesday that the county board excluded the press, but not Mrs. Lackey, from the meeting, the second closed-door conference of the board during the morning session.

In response to a question, Mrs. Lackey said "it does not look good" for the board to be holding closed-door sessions, from which the public and reporters are excluded.

Berrien Springs Asks 3.2 Mills

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Renewal of a voter-approved, 3.2 mill tax levy which expired with taxes collected this year will be sought from Berrien Springs school district voters at the June 11 annual school election here, the Berrien Springs school board decided last night.

The renewal is to be asked for three years. If approved, the levy is expected to raise about \$124,000, per year, according to Supt. Lee Auble. Anticipated budget for next year is \$1,749,950.

The total Berrien Springs school millage this year was 19.6 mills.

The board also set \$2,400,000 as the amount for a school bond issue proposal for the June 11 election. Submission of the bond issue for construction of new junior high school has been approved last month without a specific amount.

In other action last night, the board agreed to make up the difference between what the Berrien Springs Jaycees are able to raise for their baseball lighting program and its \$20,000 estimated cost.

Jack Davis, of the Jaycees, told the board \$11,050 have been pledged towards the project to date, and further pledges are

expected. The project is to be undertaken on school-owned land behind the high school.

Resignations from four teachers were accepted by the board, all effective as the end of the school year. Resigning were Mrs. Maribel Walton, third grade teacher, retiring after 25 years in the Berrien Springs system; Mrs. Lunnita Seitenslich, fourth grade; Mrs. E. Joyce Rochow, high school English and math; and Wilfred Martir, high school Spanish and psychology.

Auble reported that Andrew Gantenbein, head of the district's program for the hearing impaired, has studied the effect of carpeting on classroom acoustics, and has concluded carpeting classroom would benefit the education of hearing impaired children.

Auble said carpeting of classrooms frequently used by hearing impaired children is under consideration.

Hot Race

DETROIT (AP) — Outspoken black legislator Coleman Young, who got the go-ahead Thursday from the state Supreme Court to run for mayor of Detroit, says if elected one of his first moves will be to "fire (police commissioner) John Nichols."

However, Nichols might not be in the post even if Young wins, as there are indications Nichols may run for the top Detroit job himself. If he does, he probably will resign his present position.

Set In Three Rivers Rate Hike Hearing

LANSING — Michigan Public Service commission has announced public hearings to be held in Three Rivers and Lansing on an application from Michigan Power company, Three Rivers, for an electric rate increase.

The Three Rivers hearing is scheduled for 7 p.m., June 11, in

city hall. The Lansing hearing will begin at 9 a.m., July 9, in the commission office, Law building, Lansing.

Michigan Power serves about 25,000 electric customers in Cass, Van Buren, St. Joseph and Kalamazoo counties.